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Hague, April 12, *N. S.*

THE States of the Province of Holland continue assembled, and the several Admiralties are come hither and are daily in Conference with the Deputies of the said States and those of the States General, for settling the Number of Men of War to be fitted out and employed by the Republick the ensuing Summer. One of those Conferences was held Yesterday, when the Earl of Chesterfield was present. Our last Letters from Spain advise, that his Catholick Majesty has not yet fixed the Indulto on the Effects brought by the Galleons.

Paris, April 13, *N. S.* The Family of Orleans has with the King's Permission gone into Mourning for the Duke of Lorrain, notwithstanding that Prince's Death has not been yet notified to his most Christian Majesty. The last Letters from Marseilles advise, that M. Blondel, Intendant of the Gallies, was dead there suddenly. The Bishop of St. Brieux, Deputy for the Clergy of Brittany is arrived at Versailles. On the 5th Instant the Queen Dowager of Spain went in Ceremony to the Palais Royal, to compliment the Duke of Orleans upon his Marriage. The Marshal de Villeroy is indisposed.

Whitehall, April 8.

On Easter Sunday the King and Queen, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, their Royal Highnesses the three eldest Princesses, with several of the Bishops, and other Persons of Quality, received the Holy Sacrament in the Royal Chappel at St. James's; the Communion Service being performed by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of London Dean of the Chappel: The Sermon was preached by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Chester, in the Absence of his Grace the Archbishop of York Lord Almoner.

Whereas a Letter without any Date or Subscription was on the 20th of March last received by Mr. Nathaniel Newnham, of London, Grocer, directed to him at his House in Watling-street, near St. Paul's, therein demanding of him to send on Friday the 21st of the said Month of March, Eighty five Guineas, made up in a large Parcel, to be left for Mr. John Harrison, at Mr. John Ware's, in the Piazza, at the Sign of the Shoulder of Mutton, Billingsgate, and threatning, if he did not comply with this Demand, to murder him the said Newnham and his Wife. And whereas another Letter has since been received by the said Newnham, and wrote by the same Hand, demanding One Hundred Guineas, to be sent to Mr. John Harrison, at Mr. John Whitaker's, at the Black Boy in Goodman's Fields, threatning likewise to murder him the said Newnham, his Wife and Son, if the said Hundred Guineas were not sent to the aforesaid Place on the 27th of the said Month of March last. Whoever shall discover the Writer of both or either of the said Letters, or the Person or Persons who sent, or contrived, or directed the sending of the said Letters, so as such Person or Persons may be convicted thereof, shall upon such Conviction receive as a Reward the Sum of One Hundred Pounds of the said Mr. Newnham.

Nath. Newnham.

Whitehall, April 4, 1729.

And as a further Encouragement to such Discovery, His Majesty is pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any Person concerned in sending the abovementioned Letters, who shall discover any one or more concerned in the writing or sending thereof, or either of them, so as he or they be convicted of the same.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

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